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Senators Applaud China Aid Appeal

Neutrality Hearing Told U. S. Industrialists Are Partners of Tokio

By Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The House Foreign Relations Committee broke its musty traditions of decorum and dignity today to applaud the appeal of a plain-spoken American woman to "stop helping" the Japanese invasion of China.

In pungent, hard-hitting phrases, Mrs. George Fitch, wife of an American Y.M.C.A. secretary in China, told the committee how the United States has been "Japan's largest partner, furnishing 54 per cent of all the raw materials and finished products which Japan needs to carry on her aggression."

Drawing on her own experiences in China where she lived for 20 years as well as on letters from her husband, Mrs. Fitch described vividly the bombing of Chinese colleges, hospitals, libraries and homes by Japanese planes—propelled 100 per cent by American gas.

ASKS ACTION

Then she called on Congress to act and to act promptly to cut off "the most vulnerable arm" of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis and the "one we have done the most to strengthen." Mrs. Fitch brought with her petitions to this effect from 30,000 citizens of California, which is now her home.

When she finished her statement, the committee members gathered around the long, green-covered table in their old-fashioned meeting room broke into spontaneous applause.

Chairman Sol Bloom thanked her for her "excellent" statement and Rep. Charles A. Eaton of New Jersey, Republican member of the committee, commended her "statesmanlike" presentation.

Today's demonstration was a significant index of the sentiment which exists in the House Foreign Committee on the whole issue of neutrality.

WANT STRONG STAND

Ever since the hearings on the pending amendments to the neutrality act got under way, there has been a strong movement among members of the committee, including Republicans as well as Democrats, toward taking a strong stand against fascist aggression either through outright repeal of the act or passage of the Thomas amendment.

The house committee now seems inclined to go along with President Roosevelt on foreign policy to an even greater extent than the Senate Foreign Relations Committee whose members while preponderantly opposed to the present act have not yet reached any agreement on a substitute.

At the Senate hearings, one of the biggest guns of the isolationists,

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House Approves Appropriation Bill for Army

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—The house today approved the conference report on the \$508,789,524 War Department appropriation Bill for 1940 which will give the Army 585 new planes and vastly increase its ordnance equipment.

As soon as the Senate acts on the final draft the appropriation measure will be sent to the White House.

City Council To See Preview of Nazi Spy Film

The City Council will open its session today by previewing the Warner Brothers' movie, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy."

After the film is shown the municipal legislative body will consider the Sharkey Bill, which would outlaw the wearing of stormtroop, Nazi or fascist uniforms any place in the city.

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LEON HENDERSON

Parents Going to Albany on Budget

Delegation Leaves This Morning; Oppose Cuts in School Funds; Will Ask Assembly for Hearings; Warn Board of Education

New York City's mothers and fathers, battling to maintain the present educational facilities for their children, will leave for Albany this morning to protest Republican plans to slash state aid to education by \$9,710,000.

The parents' delegation, expected to include 2,000 persons, will leave Grand Central station at 9 A.M. and return at 7 P.M.

The threatened cut will mean an increase in the number of pupils in each class, elimination of health and recreational programs, curtailment of special classes, and abolition of the major part of the evening school program, it was predicted.

SEEK OPEN HEARING

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The delegation will make its stand known to the legislators even if no hearing is granted.

The delegation is sponsored by the United Parents Association and has received the active endorsement of the Joint Committee of Teachers Organizations and other groups.

At least two parents from each of the 800 elementary and high schools in the city are expected to participate.

FOLLOWED WIRE

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Steelman was expected here yesterday but a report from the capital stated he has been "unavoidably detained."

Observers at the conference expect the Federal government is preparing to invoke certain powers, perhaps through the Interstate Commerce Commission, when Dr. Steelman arrives here. It was pointed out that during the Harding administration, when a fuel crisis developed on account of a strike, the President named a special committee to supervise the establishment of coal priorities for most essential requirements and called a special meeting of both sides.

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U. S. Mediator To Join Mine Parley Today

Dr. Steelman, Designated by Perkins to Try for Agreement

Formation of the parents' delegation followed the sending of a telegram to Republican leaders by 11 organizations, acting on invitation of James Marshal, president of the Board of Education.

Marshal warned that the cut in state aid to education would be a "body blow" to the city's educational system which is in "serious danger" because of the slashes.

The warning was reiterated in the monthly bulletin of the Progressive Education Association to be issued today, which charged that the city school system cannot absorb the proposed cut in State aid to education in addition to the curtailments proposed by the Mayor.

The P.E.A. said that the school system would be seriously dislocated if the proposed cuts went through.

Mayor Greets 'Washington' At City Hall

12-Day Trip from Mount Vernon Reenacted

Denys Wortman, reenacting the arrival of George Washington in New York for his inauguration 150 years ago, was met at City Hall yesterday by Mayor LaGuardia who hailed the event as "bringing back vividly the birth and youth of our republic."

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Transport Union Calls Emergency Taxi Meeting

The long brewing showdown between union taxi drivers and the major fleet owners in the city approached a climax today with a sudden calling into session of the Transport Workers Union Wage Scale and General Strike Committee which meets at Transport Hall, 153 West 64th St. tonight.

Taxi union officials, led by general organizer Warren G. Horie who headed the city-wide walkout last January, were hopeful that last minute efforts through the city administration might avert a new general walkout on the eve of the opening of the World's Fair.

Thousands of taxi unionists have been chafing under the long drawn out negotiations between the union and the large employers, chiefly the Farrelle and Terminal fleets, which have been conducted during the past 100 days since the end of

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MAURICE THOREZ

4 Kids Die; Parents Hurt As Hut Burns

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, April 24.—New attacks upon the Constitutionality of the Republican "Economy" budget, accompanied by a definite threat of a court fight if it is adopted by the GOP-controlled Legislature, opened the crucial phase of the "battle of the budget" here today.

In a brief entitled "sabotage of the merit system" the association of State Civic Service Employees served notice on the Republican Party that if its lump sum budget is passed it will seek its nullification in the courts as unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, Governor Lehman, who is being urged by his advisors to take the fiscal issue to the people in a radio address, made public the first open split in the Republican State leadership over the widely denounced "Economy" plan.

Gage, a WPA worker, had moved into the tar-paper shack four miles north of Brainerd, about two weeks ago.

The blaze apparently started when Mrs. Gage was attempting to make a fire in the cookstove.

The children and Gage still were in bed.

The Governor revealed that Park Commissioner Robert Moses had offered him every assistance in his efforts to combat the Republican cut.

Moses denounced the proposed program as "a slick, tricky way of doing the job" and as "unconstitutional."

He accused Republican leaders of committing a "stupid mistake" in attempting to "ditch the executive budget system, flout the constitution, and restore legislative domination" of the administrative branch.

In formulating its budget the GOP abolished the Governor's line-by-line items and substituted lump sum appropriations. This is seen as repudiation of the executive budget system and, as such, unconstitutional.

It is now regarded as likely that the Governor may veto the 31 million dollar Republican "Economy" order on constitutional grounds if budget cuts are not restored.

In challenging the constitutionality of the lump sum method, the State Workers group charged the GOP with seeking the destruction of the merit system.

The lump sum budget threatens the security of every civil service employee by opening the doors to political manipulation and personal favoritism," the brief read.

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CABLED NEWS AND COMMENTS AND SPECIAL FOREIGN DISPATCHES TO THE DAILY WORKER

5-Year Plan Spurs USSR as No.1 Nation In Food Production

Zotov, Food Industry Commissar, Reveals Leading Position; Second Only to U.S. in Canning; Packing Plants Best

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 24.—The Third Five-Year Plan will strengthen the position of the Soviet Union as one of the leading food producers of the world, People's Commissar of Food Industry V. P. Zotov declared in the Government newspaper, Izvestia, today.

In output and technical level of production, a number of branches of the Soviet food industry are the best in the world, Zotov wrote.

The Soviet sugar-beet industry is first in the world and the canning industry is behind only the American. Soviet meat-packing plants built during the two past Five-Year plans are technically the best equipped in the world, he declared.

Production of semi-prepared foods to facilitate home cooking is to be increased, Zotov said. Production of tomato juice is to increase from 1,800,000 cans to 85,000,000 cans by 1942, the last year of the Third Five-Year Plan. Production of fruit and grape juices will rise from the present 3,000,000 cans annually to 23,000,000 cans in 1942.

Emphasis on baking of wheat bread instead of the once predominant rye bread will be another feature. In 1932, 70 per cent of all bread was rye, in 1937 it was only 37 and by 1942 it will be only 25 per cent.

Four million bottles of Soviet champagne will be produced in 1939 and 12,000,000 bottles in 1942, as compared with the 150,000 bottles of two years ago.

The quality of soft drinks and beer is being improved as well as the assortment and quality of candies.

The crop of Georgian tea will be increased from the 600 tons of 1932 to 20,000 tons by 1942.

London Appoints Marquis as New Envoy to U. S.

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LONDON, April 24 (UP).—Appointment of the Marquis of Lothian as British Ambassador to Washington succeeding Sir Ronald Lindsay was announced tonight by the government.

The 57-year-old Marquis, who is widely known in the United States, will assume his new post sometime during the summer after Sir Ronald's retirement.

Hull Confirms U. S.-British Barter Talks

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today confirmed London advises that U. S. Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy has begun negotiations for barter of U. S. cotton and wheat for British rubber and tin.

He said the discussions now are in a preliminary stage.

Hull said that proposals for similar barter deals with the Belgian and Netherlands governments were under consideration, but indicated that actual conversations have not yet been opened.

The administration decided to undertake the barter deals in an effort to get rid of some of this country's big surpluses of cotton and wheat and at the same time to acquire supplies of materials whose sources might be cut off in event of war.

Sets Seaplane Record



BEING CONGRATULATED for his record-breaking flight by Coast Guard Boatswain P. H. Simpson (left) and Lighthouse Keeper A. J. Bolvert is Dewey E. Willoughby. His average speed was 75½ miles an hour over a 2,000 kilometer course.

Mexican Youth Weld National Unity Program

Congress Highlights Fight on Fascism; Back FDR Appeal

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker) MEXICO CITY, April 24.—Unity of the youth of Mexico on the basis of a clear anti-fascist, anti-imperialist program is today an established fact, the result of the four-day National Unity Congress of Mexican Youth last week.

Delegations from youth organizations and youth centers throughout the Mexican Republic, including youth representatives from the political parties, the trade unions, the peasants, the army and the universities have created the new Confederacion de Jovenes de Mexico (Confederation of Youth of Mexico) "to rally in support of the principles of the Revolution, to struggle for its demands and its fundamental interests."

The new organization is headed by Carlos Madrazo, President; Angel Veraza, General Secretary, and Enrique Ramirez y Ramirez, Secretary for Organization and Propaganda. Madrazo is also the leader of the youth section of the Party of the Mexican Revolution which took the initiative in organizing the congress.

CARDENAS GREETS PARLEY

President Lazaro Cardenas sent the following message of greetings to the newly elected Executive Committee:

"In acknowledging the celebration of the Youth Unity Congress, it gives me great pleasure to express my warmest wishes that your organization may distinguish itself through the social discipline which prevails in the spirit of youth, and which must exist to achieve those generous aims on behalf of the people who need culture and improved economic conditions—a discipline which is indispensable in the responsible task that belongs to every one within the collective life of Mexico."

The congress had a strong anti-fascist note throughout. The resolutions were passed unanimously by the almost 2,000 delegates.

Referring to President Roosevelt's last speech, the Congress stated: "The revolutionary youth of Mexico expresses its sympathy and support with the policy of President Roosevelt whose anti-fascist attitude reflects the feeling of the youth and people of North America."

One resolution read:

"Mexican youth salutes the people of Colombia, Cuba, Chile and Costa Rica, bulwarks of continental democracy, and demands that the other American governments follow the routes shown by those of these peoples."

"The youth of Mexico applauds the gallant attitude of the Soviet Union on the international field for putting the huge force of its people at the service of world democracy."

Another resolution asked that "the Government (of Mexico) renew its relations with the Soviet Union."

"Facing the danger of a new world war fomented by fascism, the youth of Mexico declares that it is part of the forces defending democracy, peace and the rights of the people."

"The youth of Mexico, united in one great central body, will struggle to rally all the democratic forces of the continent for a program of collective defense against its common enemies; invading fascism, its national allies, and the imperialist forces opposed to the development of our countries."

APPEAL TO U. S. YOUTH

Appealing to the youth of America, one resolution states:

"We invite the youth of the continent to unite in the defense of the democratic conquests of Mexico and of the integrity and independence of our country which Mexican youth is defending under the orientation of Lazaro Cardenas, the teacher of the revolutionary youth of Mexico and anti-fascist leader of the continent."

During the four-day sessions, the congress was addressed by Luis I. Rodriguez, President of the PRM, Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, by Rafael Carrillo for the Communist Party, and by other progressive leaders of the Mexican people.

OKLA. WOMEN SPUR PEACE DRIVE; BACK F. D. R. APPEAL

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAPULPA, Okla., April 24.—A movement to rally the people of the state of Oklahoma behind an active peace policy of democratic unity against the aggressors, was launched yesterday by the Creek County Women's Democratic Club. The organization, at a regular meeting, took the lead in this movement, by passing a resolution warmly commanding President Roosevelt for his strong peace message to the fascist dictators.

Expressing its desire for common council among nations to avert war the resolution further urged the settlement of political, economic

Hails Youth



LAZARO CARDENAS

Chinese Victories Reflect Growing Strength of Army

Successful Attacks Show Weakening of Tokio Forces; Army Paper Says Time Is Not Yet Ripe for General Counter-Offensive

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, April 24.—"The successful development of the offensive operations of the Chinese troops on various fronts does not signify a passage to a general counter-offensive, since the requisite conditions for such an offensive do not exist as yet," the Chinese Army organ, Ta Kung

Pao, writes today.

France Closes Nazi Outfits Near Border

Racial, Religious Inciting Will Be Punished by Fines

ROME, April 24.—Richard Mowrer, correspondent of the Chicago Daily News in Rome was ordered to leave Italy by May 5 by the fascist government today.

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Alliance Charges Tory Drive on WPA Using Dies Technique

Red-Baiting Relief Quiz Opens Here

Morgan Warns Workers Against Intimidation; Rejects Demand

With H. R. Burton, its investigator in charge here, Rep. Woodrum's WPA Investigating Committee of the House is employing exactly the same witch-hunt technique that the infamous Dies Committee used last winter. Willis Morgan, Greater New York President of the Workers Alliance charged yesterday.

"The committee is not investigating administration of WPA as the resolution granting it \$25,000 specified," he said. "The investigation is not directed towards discovering ways to improve WPA."

"It's another smear campaign. Just another red-hunt."

Morgan cited as an example the type of questions Burton put to Julius Mischel, chairman of the Federal Arts Project Staff local of the Workers Alliance.

The investigation is directed almost entirely to discovering the political views of those questioned, and finding a number who are Communists for display purposes at the House committee hearings, Morgan declared.

RED-BAITING QUIZ

After being questioned on the conduct of Workers Alliance local activity—membership dues, names of officials—Mischel was asked if Alliance members make any contributions for any other purposes, such as political campaigns.

"Are you a member of the Communist Party?" Mischel was asked. "Do you subscribe to the Daily Worker?"

"Do you believe in the philosophy of Marx, Engels, etc.?"

Here Mischel asked that Burton be specific. But Burton insisted that he answer the "general question," to which Mischel replied that he believes in "jobs, security and liberty" which is part of the basic program of the Alliance.

"Is there any relation between the Alliance and the Communist Party?" was another question.

"Do you believe a project worker should have a voice in the running of the project?"

"Did you participate in any demonstrations in cuts in personnel and appropriations for WPA?"

Following this line of inquisition, Burton turned to demanding the membership list of the local. He was referred to the treasurer, who, however, refused to yield any property of the Alliance on the ground that it belongs to the general city office where Burton must now go if he expects to get anything.

WARN AGAINST COERCION

Morgan said that the committee has no power for such "kind of stuff." He has issued advice to all Alliance members not to be intimidated by claims of power by the committee members. No one need answer questions bearing on political or union affiliation, he said, or any matters relating to these subjects.

As another example of the witch-hunting object in the investigation, Morgan cited the "raids" upon the offices of the writers' project, where questionnaires similar to those used for Mischel were distributed. After some search through the desk drawers and papers, a Daily Worker was found. The copy was placed on top of a stack of newspapers and photographed for the committee's "evidence" exhibits.

Great resentment developed here when the House "raiding party" conceived of transporting to Washington all costumes, scenery, hangings, curtains, lights and all other materials prepared by the producers of "Sing for Your Supper," a WPA play, scheduled to start at the Adelphi yesterday. The demand was based on an anonymous letter that Rep. Woodrum received listing the expense for the materials. The several tons of material was to be displayed as evidence of the "waste" by WPA.

It was only after the committee was convinced that it would take a long time to dismantle the scenery preparations, and the costumes were just sent to be laundered, that the committee consented to be satisfied with only photographs.

With "Sing for Your Supper" apparently marked for a target by the "economizers," the company of the play wired invitations to Mrs. Roosevelt and the President, WPA Administrator Harrington and other prominent individuals to view for themselves their production.

Police Chief's Son Jailed in Kicking Old Man to Death

DEDHAM, Mass., April 24 (UP)—John Robert Moloney, 23-year-old son of Milford's police chief, was sentenced to seven to 10 years in state prison today for kicking an elderly man to death. He was convicted of manslaughter by a jury Friday in the death of John O'Neill, 73, of Cambridge, a Medfield State Hospital patient.

143 Indicted Oil Workers Want Separate Trials

Wives and Children Take to Picket Line in Tulsa Strike

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TULSA, Okla., April 24.—Mid-Continent's attempt to smash the four-months-old strike of their West Tulsa refinery workers ran smack into a magnificent display of morale which attracted immediate support for the militant members of the CIO Oil Workers International Union.

Locked up in the county bastille after an unprecedented mass indictment by the Tulsa County Grand Jury on charges of conspiracy, riot and unlawful assembly, 143 strikers today had "proxies" on their picket lines in the form of their wives and children.

This "oil capitol of the world" was still humming today with talk about the actions of the strikers last week.

Indicted on Monday by the County Grand Jury, the striking CIO members gathered in front of their West Tulsa headquarters on Wednesday and accompanied by their cheering wives and children marched en masse to the county courthouse.

Four judges of the Court of Common Pleas were hastily summoned to grapple with the problem of granting each of the 143 indicted workers the separate trials they demanded.

DEMANDING RIGHTS

O. R. Woods, assistant treasurer of the union, said:

"We have determined that each man will take advantage of his constitutional rights and demand a separate trial.

"That will mean 143 of them, if the county has money to finance it. They'll get their fill of it before we're through."

Twenty-five of the men posted \$100 bonds and were instructed by Pleas Judge W. N. Randolph to report for trial May 1.

Failing to make bond, 85 others were taken to the county jail, among them 24 who are being held on felony indictments and who have been unable to make bail of \$2,000 each.

County Attorney Dixie Gilmer, whose local union president Jack Hays "has charged with being on the Mid-Continent payroll," was up in the air about the activities of the auxiliary strikers.

Informed that wives had pinch-hit on the picket line and that one child picket was carrying a sign, reading, "My Daddy Was Sent to Jail by the Grand Jury," Gilmer instructed Marrs to confiscate all signs derogatory to the recent grand jury and to bring contempt of court proceedings against the pickets if they persisted in carrying such signs.

SHERIFF RILED

Sheriff Marrs was riled at the action of several of the jailed strikers who hung signs from their cells, proclaiming: "This jail is unfair to organized labor."

The sheriff issued instructions to remove all "privileges" for the 85 jailed CIO men unless they ceased their "horse-play."

In the meantime, J. C. Coulter, international president of the union, returned from a conference with Governor Leon C. Phillips in Oklahoma City and said the union has a new strike settlement proposal under consideration which he will reveal "within a few days."

The union president made it clear that the union would stand firm on its demand that 147 members discharged by the company "for cause" must be taken back before the strike is called off.

MURPHY CALLS FOR CLEAN-UP OF COURT PATRONAGE EVILS

(By United Press)

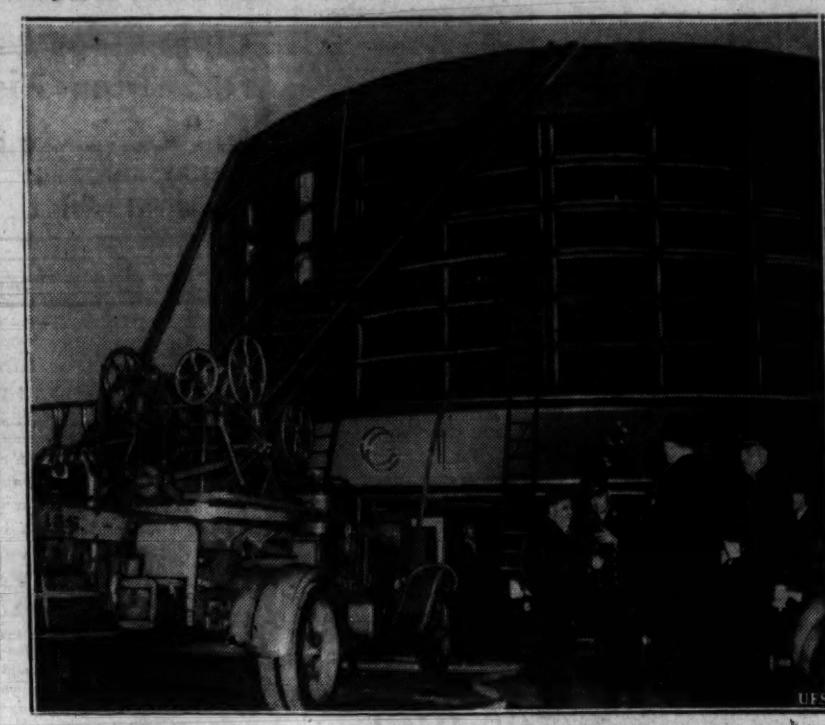
Attorney General Frank Murphy today called for reform of receivership and bankruptcy as a first step in freeing federal courts of politics, patronage and inefficiency.

Speaking before the annual luncheon of the Associated Press, Murphy said the absolute integrity of the courts must be preserved if democracy is to survive. Politics, he said, "must stop when it reaches the point where it undermines the citizens' confidence in the federal courts and the administration of federal justice."

The basic source of a changed public attitude toward the federal judiciary, Murphy said, is failure of the courts "to achieve efficiency in their work and second, a tendency to allow that work to drift into the realm of politics and patronage."

"Probably the most glaring example of politics and patronage in the federal courts," he said, "has been the handling of receivership

Mayor at Fair Glass Fire



SUDDEN BLAZE at the glass center of the World's Fair caused extensive damage when huge mirrors and other glass objects were destroyed. Mayor LaGuardia, left, and Bernard Baruch (back to the camera) were spectators.

Pecan Workers Ask Wage-Hour Enforcement

Tell Andrews Employers Still Violating Provisions

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 24.—A plea for immediate uniform enforcement of the Wages and Hours Law in the pecan industry was made today to Administrator Elmer F. Andrews by the Pecan Workers Union, which charged that chiseling and open violations are destroying wage standards and work opportunities.

The telegram, signed by Santos G. Vasquez, business agent of the union, and Horace Bryan, international representative of the parent body, the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers Union, CIO, said:

"Open and acknowledged violations of Wage-Hour Law continue throughout South in pecan industry. Wage-Hour representative here tells us that cases of acknowledged and defiant violations have been reported to your administration.

"Legitimate operators have either been driven out of business or are being forced to lay violations to exist by mush-room operations which have sprung up and which are feeding upon law violations.

The pecan industry, which before the birth of our organization, had the lowest paid workers in the nation, is today being destroyed and reestablished in other cities and towns in the South at wages which are lower and under working conditions which are worse than that which formerly existed here.

San Antonio's 10,000 pecan workers because they raised their heads against starvation wages, are today 90 per cent unemployed, and without relief from local, state, or federal governments.

"As representatives of several thousand workers in the industry we feel that we are entitled to know if action is contemplated against those who are tearing down standards of wages and destroying opportunities for work through law violations."

The union president made it clear that the union would stand firm on its demand that 147 members discharged by the company "for cause" must be taken back before the strike is called off.

GANNES TO SPEAK IN NEWARK TOMORROW

N. J., April 24.—Harry Gannen, author and columnist of *World Front* will speak tomorrow at 8:30 P.M. at the Ekele's Home, 179 Clinton Avenue, Newark, under the auspices of the Clinton Hill Branch, Communist Party.

His topic will be "The Second World War."

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Coughlin Follows Hitler, Church Parley Hears

Rev. Cole, Head of Michigan Unitarian Church Conference, Cites 'Alarming' Propaganda by Fascist Priest; Charges Lies

BOSTON, April 24 (UP)—The Rev. Walton E. Cole, President of the Michigan Conference of Unitarian Churches, said last night that Father Charles E. Coughlin is following the example of Adolf Hitler "in alarming fashion." Addressing Ford Hall forum, he likened the radio priest to Hitler because of "un-

fair endeavor to couple the words Jew and Communist, his emotional appeals to prejudice and his self-glorifying theatrical entrances in mass meetings of his followers.

Rev. Cole, minister of the First Unitarian Church of Toledo, O., charged that Father Coughlin "repeated his original misstatements" even when given authoritative facts.

Rev. Cole believed Father Coughlin should accept an invitation to speak at a public meeting, answer questions and reply to charges made against him.

Urge Senate Take Silver Notes From Currency

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP)—B. H. Beckhart, Professor of Banking at Columbia University, today urged the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to recommend removal of silver certificates from the U. S. currency system.

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Retail Store Rolls Up 2.7% in March But Below 1938

ALBANY, April 24.—Retail stores in the state increased their forces 2.7 per cent from the middle of February to the middle of March and paid out 2.2 per cent more in total amount of payrolls.

According to a statement issued today by Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller, the gains were greater than those reported last March when employment increased 1 per cent and payrolls rose 0.4 per cent.

Retail stores in New York City expanded forces 2.9 per cent and payrolls 2.3 per cent from February to March. These gains followed large seasonal reductions in January and smaller losses in February.

Compared with last March, New York City retailers were employing 1.0 per cent smaller forces this March but they were paying out 0.1 per cent more in total payrolls.

TO OPEN HEADQUARTERS

The John Brown Branch of the Communist Party in the 16th A.D., Brooklyn, is celebrating the opening of its new headquarters at 665 Rockaway Ave., on April 25th. At 8:30 P.M. at their guest of honor Sol Goldstein will speak on "May Day and Negro Tradition."

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LaGuardia Puts Nightclubs on Good Behavior

CAB DRIVERS WANT REAL UNITY, WITHOUT BOSSSES STOOGES

Asks Municipal Ownership for N.Y. Taxi Fleets

Union Driver Outlines Advantages; Would Stop Chaos

By Headout

While the contract now pending, and the gains we will receive as a result of it, plus the increased revenue brought into the industry through the World's Fair, will help improve the condition of New York's hackies, we must look a little further ahead to a more permanent solution of our problems as hackies.

That the taxi industry is today a semi-public utility using the streets of New York is self-evident. So I raise the question here and now of municipal ownership and operation of the taxicabs of New York, with all the present six-day strike placed on civil service.

Anyone acquainted with the ideas of the present City Planning Commission knows that our industry will have to be modified according to the development of its ideas.

Furthermore, we in taxi know positively that the fleet owners can't plan their suppers, let alone for the taxi industry, that the present mess is their doing and theirs alone. Only municipal ownership can successfully gear the taxi industry to city planning.

UNION SAFEGUARD

As with transit unification, only the Transport Workers Union can assure the hackies of having their interests safeguarded under municipal ownership. As the T.W.U. fights the Wicks Bills, so it will fight for our rights under any circumstance which may arise.

What can we hackies look forward to under municipal ownership and operation of the taxicabs?

First, the number of hacks operating today will be cut down to the number necessary. Furthermore, the cost of operation will be further cut down by central buying and central management.

Second, the industry will be able to pay a living wage in the neighborhood of \$30 to \$35 a week with two weeks vacation to each man. And we'll work five days a week, eight hours a day. There won't be any Hack Bureau—in its place, we hackies will elect a commission of private citizens to manage our industry.

MORE ECONOMICAL

Again the cost will be cut down by the almost complete elimination of dead mileage.

When I get a call to the Bronx, I'll call up the central taxi telephone switchboard to find out where to go, what line needs more cabs. The only dead mileage will be accumulated when we go home to hot meals for lunch and dinner.

No more closed lines, no more cutting and chiseling, no more shape-ups and beating a path from one garage to another to beg a dispatcher for a load. No gas fumes, for our industry will be able to maintain well-groomed and perfect conditioned cars.

We will be uniformed by a union shop and our appearances will be the talk of all the visitors. Our home life will not be marred by economic worries.

And finally, none of the legitimate six days a week hackies will lose out in the limitation of cabs, for the five days a week, eight hours a day shifts will take care of all of them without triple shifting the cabs.

Write to Us

The next issue of the Taxi page will give more space to letters.

Send in your letters to "The Hawk," 381 4th Ave., Room 413.

WHAT'S ON

NOTES: 12 words, \$6 Monday to Saturday, to additional word. DEADLINE: Wednesday, 12 noon; Sunday, Friday, 12 noon. Payment must be made in advance or notice will not appear.

Tomorrow

ROCKWELL KENT, BILL GROPPER, Hugo Gellert, Louis Untermeyer, introduced as Members Lodge MEF I.W.O. TAG Entertainment. Free Refreshments. Thursday, April 27, 8 P.M. Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Broadway, N.Y.C. Adm. \$1.

MIETOWN FORUM ANNOUNCES —Viljamur Stefansson on "Soviet Science and Exploration in the Arctic." Sunday, April 29, 8:30 P.M. Germania Hall, 144 West 18th St., NYC. Ausp. Metropolitan Music School.

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By the Hawk

THE Hack Bureau's latest attempt at intimidation is in connection with uniforms. The operators and their stooges are determined that the hackies pay for their World's Fair garb. The Hawk is 100 per cent for neat uniforms. But the operators who will gross over a million dollars in increased revenue from the Fair, must be made to pay for the outfits.

What's more, they must come from a manufacturer employing union help only. Certainly the hackmen who are the poorest paid of the transit workers, stop holding up the hack license renewals, for you are only lending yourselves to the further exploitation of us hackies... There must have been some first class scupping going on during the last meeting of the Met. Exec. to make Big Sam spend so much time up in Horie's office and another so-called Exec. member to call on Mr. Dewey.

Too many fleet operators are in for an uncomfortable time before the State Legislature's Social Security Investigating Board. The Social Security Committee of several garages have built a fire under their comrade—My little boy Wednesday spotted Cap King ogling the Works Fair ground for hack lines and such. Will the hackies, for once, get a break instead of the iron hand?

Ralph Romero, Atlantic Shop Shop, had to be sent away for a much needed vacation. The little fellow absolutely refused to take time out, but it was a rest now or else.

Portrait of a D.A.: Timber—between the ears, not Presidential! Have the stooges failed to prevent the much bragged about contracts to their membership because they know the rank and file will throw them out bodily if they dare ask for ratification of contracts that give no commission increases, that allows hiring off the floor and shape up, that does not recognize grievances committee and hence no job security?

That five point night which Robbins-Parmelee No. 5, got last week came in handy, he tells me... What did Miami Sam mean when he told Leo (Weasel) Roebbeels

to "shut up or I'll expose you"...

As predicted, Parmelee got Worlds Fair concession and Horie placed Union hackies on Worlds Fair busses... It's come to my good ear that certain operators offered Union Leaders, under indictment on phony charges, a proposition whereby indictments would be squashed if said leaders resigned.

W. G. asked party of the first part, who did he think was dealing with Smitty? Not the first time operators tried deal with Union officials. Those guys never learn.

Our Union leadership is the McCoy,

the possibility of the frameups going through just rolls off their backs as anyone at the Transport Workers Union Spring Dance can testify.

Luther Jordan, Haflem Organizer for Taxi, was overjoyed at the swell comrade—My little boy Wednesday spotted Cap King ogling the Works Fair ground for hack lines and such. Will the hackies, for once, get a break instead of the iron hand?

Ralph Romero, Atlantic Shop

Have strikebreakers and out right stooges the right to plead for a "united front"? Butler scabbed in the January General Strike. Should any honest trade unionist sit down with Frenchy Roach and Joe Frankel who arranged for that bosses banquet at \$2.50 a plate? Some go-called labor leaders who wine and dine with fleet owners became immediately open to suspicion.

In weighing this plea for a "united front" in taxi, not the phones but the rank and file in the company union garages must be considered.

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200 ILGWU Shop Chairmen Call for United May Day Support

Negro Arts To Keynote 2-Day Talks

Harlem Conference to Be Held May 5 and 6 on Cultural Theme

By Eugene Gordon

"Negro Culture Faces the World of Tomorrow" is the theme of a two-day conference scheduled for May 6th and 7th at the W.P.A. Harlem Community Art Center, 280 Lenox Ave., and in the auditorium of Public School No. 136, St. Nicholas Ave. and 138th St. Mrs. Louise Johnson, chairman of the sponsoring committee, announced yesterday.

The morning and afternoon sessions on May 6th and the afternoon session on the 7th will be held in the art center. The evening session on May 7th will be held in the school auditorium.

The aims of the conference are declared to be three-fold:

"To consider what the Federal Art Projects have meant in general to the people of the United States; and specifically to consider to what extent Negroes have benefited from the Federal Arts Projects both economically and culturally."

"To arouse community support in maintaining and extending the existing facilities for employment among Negroes in the cultural fields and to urge the continuance of the Federal Arts Projects as the largest single employer of Negroes in all the arts."

"To explore the need for a coordinating body of Harlem citizens and organizations that will interest itself in sustaining and widening cultural horizons for Negro men, women and children; through stimulating use of already existing facilities in the arts; through research to determine the cultural needs of the community; through campaigns against distorted and prejudiced versions of the Negro's role in building the United States and its culture and through the presentation of plans to extend the Negro's opportunities in the cultural fields, thus presenting him in his proper light as an integral part of the fabric of American life and culture."

DR. LOCKE TO SPEAK

The first session of the conference, at 11 A.M. May 6th, will "like the keynote." Dr. Alain L. Locke, professor of philosophy at Howard University and an authority on Negro culture in the United States, will be the chief speaker. Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, head of the Harlem Community Art Center, also will speak.

At the second session, at 2:30 the same afternoon, there will be panel discussions in literature and art, with leading Negro and white authors and artists leading the discussions. The program for the afternoon of May 7th will comprise discussion of the theatre, the dance and music; likewise, with authorities in these fields. The evening program of May 7th features prominent speakers and entertainment.

The Harlem Community Cultural Conference is sponsored by the following well known persons: Gwen- dolyn Bennett, Sterling Brown, Warren Cochrane, Countee Cullen, W. C. Handy, Langston Hughes, Louise H. Johnson, Lorenzo H. King, Alain Leroy Locke, A. Philip Randolph, Edna Thomas, Channing Tobias, Harcourt Tynes, Richard Wright and Max Yergan.

The following organizations sponsor the conference: Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; Consumers and Craftsmen's Guild, Inc.; Federal Arts Council; Harlem Artists Guild; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Negro Congress; Negro Actors Guild; New Theatre League; New York Urban League; Public Use of Arts Committee; Theatre Arts Committee; United American Artists.



Long Vigil

C.I.O. Council Backs Lehman Fight on Cuts

Urge Mobilization of All Progressives Against Tories

The New York State Industrial Union Council yesterday announced full support to Governor Lehman's budget, charging that proposed Republican cuts mean a "heartless, unpatriotic attack on vital social services."

The CIO council, through Allan S. Haywood, president, and Gustave Strelz, secretary-treasurer, in a wire to the Governor, urged him to mobilize "all progressives in the state" to fight the threatened cuts. The CIO suggested a conference to rally progressives against the tory-Republican program.

The wire to the Governor, copies of which were sent to George L. Thompson, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Abbot Law Moffatt, chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, read:

"The New York State Industrial Union Council, representing 700,000 organized workers, strongly approves your stand opposing any reduction in the proposed budget of the state."

"We are convinced the budget as presented to legislators covers the barest necessary expenditure for the welfare of the state."

"Any cut would impair vital necessary services and due irreparable harm to the citizens of the state, particularly the workers."

"We commend your position and further urge upon you the desirability of mobilizing all the progressives in the state in fighting reactionaries in their heartless, unpatriotic attack on education, health, department of labor and other essentials of social requirements in the interest of their private greed and backroom politics."

"We pledge our full participation in any such conference if and when called by you."

Ellenstein Graft Trial Postponed, Juror Stricken

NEWARK, N. J., April 24 (UP)—Retrial of Mayer Meyer C. Ellenstein and eight others on charges of conspiracy to defraud the city in a land transaction probably will be delayed until fall, it was announced today after the trial had ended in a mistrial because of a juror's illness.

John Y. Brown, progressive New Dealer, has been dividing his time between defending Union members and organizers, and campaigning for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

He is supported by organized Labor, and all the progressive forces who secured the election of Senator Alben W. Barkley, senate majority leader.

He is a former member of Congress and Seaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives. His platform is the most progressive ever offered in Kentucky and if carried into effect would place Kentucky in the ranks of the foremost progressive states. His election is being bitterly opposed by the big landowners, the coal operators and all the forces of reaction.

Hosiery Workers Union Petition in Apex Case Denied

PHILADELPHIA, April 24 (UP)—Federal Judge William H. Kirkpatrick today denied motions by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers to set aside a \$711,932 damage award to the apex Hosiery Company against the union and for a new trial of the suit which resulted from a 48-day sit-down strike at the apex plant in 1937.

The company originally had sued for \$3,515,872 in triple damage allegedly resulting from the strike. The jury hearing the case returned a verdict for \$711,932 against the Congress of Industrial Organizations affiliate and its president, William Leader. The triple damages were provided under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

"There is no more fundamental Party work than the building of the Daily Worker"—Earl Browder.

NEW X-RAY CELL TREATMENT IN CANCER CURE REPORTED

WASHINGTON, April 24 (UP)—Bombardments of simple plant cells by X-rays have indicated a way of treating cancer more effectively.

Karl Sax of Harvard University reported today to the National Academy of Sciences.

He told the Academy's annual meeting that experiments showed that concentrated X-ray doses were more effective in killing cells than the same charges given slowly.

"This interpretation of the time factor in irradiation may have some application to X-ray treatment of cancer," Sax replied. "Intermittent radiation of low intensity should produce sufficient breaks

Civil War Vet Becomes Citizen



31-YEAR-OLD James Quigley of Chicago, who came to the U.S. in 1861 from Scotland and served in the Union Army, receives papers making him an American citizen. He did not discover he wasn't a citizen until he applied for a pension last year.

Wages-Hour Test Wins 100% of Court Verdicts

Andrews Cites Victories Against Violators in Court Actions During Past 6 Months; \$15,000 Fine Against Mfg. Most Severe

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Court decisions on cases instituted by, or in behalf of, the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor continue to be 100 per cent in favor of the government.

In all, 14 civil suits and five criminal actions have been instituted by the Wage and Hour Division or, at its request, by the U. S. Department of Justice. Of these, seven injunctions have been granted; four employers have pleaded guilty and fines aggregating \$31,500 have been imposed against them. Six civil suits and one criminal case are now pending.

From newspaper clippings and other information received from the field, Andrews said, it appears that at least 25 suits have been brought by employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act to recover wages due them.

As the most severe penalty imposed in a criminal case, Administrator Andrews cited the \$15,000 fine imposed on April 10 against Nathaniel Breath, executive vice-president of Picardi Mills, Inc., largest New York manufacturer of gloves, for failure to pay the minimum wage and time and one-half for overtime, and for falsifying records to conceal underpayment.

Sportswear Hosiery Mills, Inc., of Philadelphia, agreed to an injunction which prohibits the corporation from attempting to evade the minimum wage provisions of the Act by maintaining a "trade school" at its Etowah, Tenn., plant.

GRANTED INJUNCTION

An injunction permanently restraining the shipment in interstate commerce of 2,500,000 board feet of lumber and more than 1,000 railroad crossties was granted the Wage and Hour Division against the Walton Lumber Company and H. H. Walton, owner and operator of Pendleton, Va.

Earlier, Max and Maurice Merky, officers of the Bay Shore Company of Lewiston, Me., pleaded guilty to a criminal information charging them with violation of the law and falsification of records to conceal the violation.

A criminal information containing 24 counts is pending against the Crown Trouser Company in the Federal Court at Scranton, Pa.

Other civil actions begun by the Legal Branch of the Wage and Hour Division include one against the G. W. Eads Company of Aurora, Ill., dress manufacturers charged with paying some of their 125 employees less than the minimum wage of 25 cents an hour and falsification and destruction of records to conceal the fact.

On March 28 suit was filed against the Rapaport Brothers of 710 West Ohio St., Chicago, manufacturers and assemblers of toys, charging them with violation of the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Act.

Another action for an injunction was filed against Leon J. Mogel, doing business under the name of East Shore Hosiery Mills, at Berlin, Md.

The first injunction under the

MEXICO FRIENDS SPONSOR TOUR

The American Friends of the Mexican People announces sponsorship of a unique, low-cost six-week tour of Mexico, emphasizing Mexican educational, social and economic programs, with competent speakers, as well as Mexico's scenic beauty and ancient cultures. Many unique features are being planned. At the number 10 in New York City, agents should write immediately to the American Friends of the Mexican People at 52 W. 8th St.

in prophase nuclei to prevent normal cell division, but with little injury to the less active cells of normal tissue."

The scientists also heard colleagues report on other phenomena—why carrots have such a strong color, where ultra-violet radiation is most intense; how heartbeats can be induced in a plant leaf.

For some time science has known that in the heart rhythmic electrical impulses originate in a pacemaker and pass from the auricle to the ventricle. Irregular rhythms often occur in the heart. W. J. V. Osterhout and S. E. Hill of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research applied a drop of potassium chloride on one end of a nitellus cell, a leafy aquatic plant, and this set up impulses. When the electrical rhythm is made rapid by previously treating the cell with sodium chloride they noticed many of the irregularities found in the heart.

COSMIC RAY INTENSITY

A. H. Compton, M. Schenck and P. S. Gill of the University of Chicago learned that there is more cosmic ray intensity at 38 degrees latitude than elsewhere in the world and the least at the Equator. This is due, they said, to heat causing spontaneous disintegration of these

Phila. May Day Group Opposes Anti-Alien Bill

Sends Delegation to Harrisburg to Ask Hearings

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—Delegates from more than 200 organizations affiliated to the United May Day Committee today selected a delegation of trade-unionists to go to Harrisburg and present before the State Legislature the legislative program of the May Day organizations which are conducting a United May Day Demonstration at Reynburn Plaza, May 1, 1939.

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Sir Neville Henderson Back in Berlin

When Sir Neville Henderson, in indecent haste, returned to Berlin to resume his function as British ambassador, the press widely commented on his political peculiarities.

"A pronounced Germanophile," was the characterization of the Herald Tribune London correspondent, which can be correctly translated as "an admirer of the Nazis." "There is no question that the ambassador (Sir Neville) is a staunch supporter of the appeasement policy and he had been insisting on permission to return to Berlin," added the New York Times' London correspondent.

In short, Mr. Henderson returned in an effort to put over another Munich. But what a change has taken place in the world situation in which the British Munich gang now intends to operate!

The Soviet Union, world's bulwark of peace and greatest obstacle to fascist aggression, has won the support of the overwhelming majority of the British people who desire collective security; and it has gained the following of tens of millions more throughout the world who want genuine peace efforts.

Also blocking the path of the Muncheers like an impassable mountain is President Roosevelt's peace message. Indeed, Mr. Henderson rushed to Berlin, it seems, to try to assist Hitler around this new mountainous obstacle.

In fact, Hitler's outright rejection of the President's peace proposal—as already made clear by his bullying of the little countries and his whipping of Yugoslavia into line—in itself makes it harder for Chamberlain to commit again the crime of Munich.

Delay by the Chamberlains and their stubborn resistance to Soviet Union and American proposals for preservation of peace lies behind Yugoslavia's yielding to the Rome-Berlin axis.

And now, renewal of "appeasement" maneuvers, unless scotched by an aroused people, will further assist the fascist aggressors. In a most malicious manner, the "apeasers" are working furiously and treacherously to endeavor to twist President Roosevelt's anti-aggression and peace-mobilizing message into an excuse for "negotiations" in the Munich manner.

But the exposed and discredited Munich gang will find it difficult to get away with a new sell-out. They will find it more difficult to get away with their aim of egging the fascist warmakers exclusively against the Soviet Union.

The world has been warned by the last Munich. The peoples are alarmed, aroused, vigilant. Not even Chamberlain has been able bluntly to reject the Soviet Union's inspiring collective security proposals. He has argued openly only that they were "premature." Nor will the "apeasers," in the face of an awakened people, be able to distort the powerfully plain and clear meaning of the President's peace message.

Needed now is an awareness of the revived Munich danger and a recognition of the forces which can overcome and defeat it. Then humanity can move more rapidly along the road of collective security towards realization of peace.

General Washington Is Furious

General George Washington pulled into New York City yesterday to start his term as President. The Daily Worker correspondent rushed down to get an interview.

The General was in rare good humor. But it didn't last. Your correspondent showed him a copy of yesterday's Daily News editorial.

"What is your opinion of this statement?" we asked the General, and waited respectfully while he read it. He exploded into a snort of anger, shaking the Daily News at us.

"Why, this editorial dares to say, sir, that the American nation was founded in thievery and aggression, and that therefore Americans ought to condone thievery and aggression in foreign policy!"

"That, sir," barked the General on the table, "sounds like a bunch of Hessians and Tories to me right in your midst. I heard that iniquitous nonsense back in '76. This Daily News poppycock would turn our Declaration of Independence into an act of aggression against the British Kingdom."

"I thought we had rid ourselves of that wickedness after Yorktown," he roared.

"Yes," we said, trying to add something at this point. But, General Washington forgot his customary good manners and interrupted—

"Young man, please tell these Hessians and monarch-men to learn how to lead my

Farewell Address the way I wrote it not the way they make me out to be. I am not the fool they make me out to be. I know a thing or two about using allies to win a battle for liberty. Their modern stuff is trumpery, brimstone and hog-swill."

And with that General Washington left for Fraunces' Tavern to cool off. The Daily News lay on the ground—in shreds.

'Anti-Alien' Drive— Menaces All Americans

Suppose you are a member of an organization, any organization. It desires to pass a resolution supporting President Roosevelt's Supreme Court plan or some other progressive New Deal measure like the reorganization bill (which has already passed with minor modifications). But upon learning that it has several foreign-born members who are Americans in every fundamental sense—but have not yet completed the citizenship process—it decides not to adopt the resolution.

Why?

It finds that the foreign-born members will be subject to deportation if the resolution is passed. Therefore, native-born Americans are thus restricted in their civil right to support progressive legislation, because they don't want their foreign-born members deported. The Bill of Rights—the pillar of democracy—is shaken, not only for the foreign-born but for all Americans.

Well, relax. It has not happened yet. But it would happen if the Dempsey bill became a law, and it has already passed the House. It provides deportation for any foreign-born person who belongs to an organization advocating "any change in the American form of government"—a term which could apply to almost any progressive legislation.

But the Dempsey bill is only one of a series of insidious un-American measures which are now hanging fire in Congress. They are intended to whip up a fascist atmosphere against the foreign-born, but as the Dempsey bill shows, they curb the basic liberties of native-born Americans as well.

In Home, Church And Trade Union

There is not a home in America where the desire to keep America at peace does not burn strongly.

It is for this very reason that all peace-loving Americans will welcome the announcement that April 26 to May 3 has been chosen as "Peace and Security Week" by the American Union for Concerted Peace Efforts. "No aid to the aggressors" will be the outstanding slogan of this week's activities in home, club, church and civic organization throughout the land.

In announcing this week's work for America's peace, Dr. James Shotwell declares that the many peace organizations which stand behind it are convinced that "international aggression must be stopped, and economic justice among nations must be sought through peaceful means and not by threats or use of force."

For this reason the week will be devoted to giving organized expression to the people's support of President Roosevelt's peace plea, to impressing upon Congress the country's desire to use our economic power to halt aggression by embargo against aggressors, and for the basic revision or repeal of the un-neutral Neutrality Act.

A Bright Star on the Horizon

The manifesto of some 2,391 outstanding educators and publicists declaring their determination to fight growing fascist influence in the schools and press, is one of the brightest stars to appear on the democratic horizon. It said in part:

"If we are really to be one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" our schools must provide liberty and justice for all, without discrimination on account of poverty, sex, race, or religion.

"Our schools, press, and radio must present the facts, and the truth behind the facts, about our history and traditions, about the world in which we live, about race and culture, without fear or malice, without suppression or distortion.

"Fascism openly despises and, of necessity, suppresses the truth."

Such a clean-cut statement in behalf of democracy cannot help enlisting the applause and support of all Americans. It will help rally opposition to the Republican and Democratic anti-New Dealers who either wish to "economize" the schools out of existence, or use them as poison sacs against American democracy, or both.

Crocodile Tears

It was a pathetic spectacle to see Senator Burke all choked up over the plight of old workers.

Speaking in behalf of his amendments to the Wagner Act, Burke insisted that it was necessary to give protection to the worker "who has been honestly working for years" and who has not joined the union.

Since when has the National Association of Manufacturers, for whom Burke has introduced his amendments, been worried about protecting the jobs of old workers?

Everybody knows that no matter how "honestly," no matter for how many years a man has worked, when he reaches the age of 40 the chances are he is callously thrown out into the streets—unless there is a strong union, protected by the Wagner Labor Act, to defend his job and his seniority rights.

SPAIN FEELS THE LASH

by Ellis



NEWS ITEM: Franco restores wealth to ex-King Alfonso of Spain.

The Mayor's Opposition to Byrnes Bill Reflects Sentiment of Country at Large

Mayor LaGuardia will certainly receive the backing of the general public in his condemnation of the Byrnes Public Works Bill now before the U.S. Senate.

This tricky measure is designed to drastically curtail the WPA which has alleviated the effects of the economic crisis, at the same time that it has produced greatly needed public improvements.

It is true that the bill proposes merging all the federal relief agencies. Such a move in itself would be very good. In fact, some of the Tories, like Senator O'Mahoney, who want to see all relief turned over to the mercy of the localities at once, oppose this section of the Byrnes Bill. But neither this good feature of the measure nor the opposition to it by some of the Tories, can conceal the fact that the bill, as a whole, is highly dangerous. In fact, it is a long step toward the complete abandonment of federal relief, for which the Tories are howling.

One method by which the Byrnes Bill would swing the axe upon the present WPA program is by making the cities increase their share of the cost to 30 per cent. In 1938, the WPA program in this city amounted to \$183,000,000, of which the city put up the considerable sum of \$30,000,000. But under the Byrnes Bill a program of the same size would require the city to contribute \$60,000,000. Finances are already at a breaking point in the municipalities throughout the country. By increasing the cost to the localities, it is obvious that the Byrnes Bill would result in a large part of the projects being abandoned altogether.

Hardest hit would be the white collar projects. Under the original Byrnes Bill, these important projects, with their valuable contribution to American art, literature, music and theatre, would have been destroyed outright. To meet the tremendous protest

which rose against this proposal, the Byrnes Bill now craftily "provides" for the white collar projects by making the localities sponsor them and pay 30 per cent of their cost. In the past, these projects have been sponsored by the federal government which has assumed almost their entire cost. The Byrnes Bill would practically seal their death warrant.

Another method by which the Byrnes Bill would undermine the WPA is through a new way of allocating work relief funds. According to this ingenious proposal, the proportion that the South now gets out of the total fund would be drastically increased. But the only way this could be done without taking federal funds away from the rest of the country, would be if the total appropriation were greatly increased over what it is now. However, Senator Byrnes, himself, and other sponsors of the bill are the very ones who have been fighting to slash—let alone maintain—the present WPA appropriation. It is obvious that their purpose, therefore, is not to increase WPA standards in the South—but to depress the standards of the rest of the country toward the low level which they have already foisted upon the Southern states.

With economic production continuing to fall, the need of the hour is not a curtailed, but a sharply increased public works program to place buying power in millions of hands.

Urge your Senators to kill the Byrnes Bill and, instead, to restore the \$50,000,000 cut from this year's WPA appropriation and to fight for the Workers Alliance proposal of a \$2,750,000 relief program for 1940—for three million jobs with a 20 per cent wage increase. If there is to be economic recovery, the federal government must provide work for all the able-bodied unemployed so long as private industry is unable or unwilling to absorb them.

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These are the facts that the people are now beginning to make themselves heard against the Republican proposals which are calculated to set the whole state back many years. Today the New York City Committee of Teachers Organizations heads a delegation of parents to Albany to protest the outrageous proposal to cut schools \$9,710,000. And not only the people immediately affected, but all sections of the population are beginning to raise their voices against the proposed cuts (\$31,000,000) into the social welfare, highway, labor, health, and other state social service departments.

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The Telegram Tries a Cold-Blooded One

The World-Telegram appears to be all mixed up as to whose voice is to be listened to and whose "to be discounted" with reference to the state budget proposals of the Republicans. But it is only a transparent pretense.

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terday's Telegram is a cold-blooded statement that "most of these . . . can be . . . largely discounted." Such contemptuous regard for the needs of the people by the Telegram is no longer surprising. Its readers have watched it become one of the most pernicious anti-New Deal, anti-labor papers in the city. Its liberalism has worn so thin that its reactionary essence is plainly visible to all.

The Telegram only makes clearer that its own voice is to be, not merely largely, but completely discounted. For its voice is a cross between the Tory Republicans who proposed the monstrous budget, and their Tammany accomplices. More such delegations as that of the teachers, parents and pupils today—who really represent the people—will convince the State legislature of this undeniable fact.

Letters From Our Readers

Clip, Show D.W. Articles To Non-Subscribers

Bronx, N.Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A few months ago—when the new Sunday Worker came out, I wrote a letter commanding the improvement in the Sunday Worker.

Now, I want to add that the Daily Worker, through its special articles on current topics on the editorial page, are very helpful to the people and should be read, clipped and shown to people who do not read the "Daily."

I would also like to commend Harry Gannes for his excellent interpretation of world news.

For an improved Daily and Sunday Worker.

MAURICE PHILLIPS.

Another Aspect of World's Fair Discrimination—

Editor, Daily Worker:

May I call your attention to another aspect of the discrimination practiced by Grover Whalen in select-

ing personnel for the World's Fair.

Hundreds of applications for the job of "guide" have been sent in by students of the City Colleges. Many had excellent records and the highest qualifications. In addition they needed the job very badly. Not one student got the job.

However, I know quite a few students of St. John's College and Fordham who have received notices to appear for an interview.

Obviously Mr. Whalen has heard of the progressive character of the students at our city colleges. His innate fear of "radicals" has caused him to completely ignore the needs of these students. I am not a student at City College, but these are the facts. Is it possible to organize a demonstration of these hundreds of students to protest this vicious policy of Grover Whalen?

PHILIP MACKLER.

'School for Barbarians'

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Hitler consciously educates German youth in his way of thinking by telling them: any lie is good that

World Front



By
HARRY GANNES

Manipulation of the Munich Gang
Behind Chamberlain Seen in
Sir Neville Berlin Pilgrimage

The shocking truth is out at last. The Chamberlain gang is making a desperate attempt to revive the "appeasement" policy and create another Munich.

That is the essential, the sole and basic meaning of Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin to resume his functions as agent of the British Muncheers at Hitler's beck and call.

Official denials notwithstanding, Henderson's haste to reach Berlin before Hitler pronounces his Reichstag speech to President Roosevelt's peace message, is to exert as much British influence as possible to make that Nazi response the opening for a new Munich try.

The same old Munich gang is behind the present Henderson move. During the Munich days last September and October—and long before—it was impossible to distinguish whether Sir Neville was Chamberlain's diplomatic agent or the office boy of Hitler's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop. His functions dovetailed so perfectly into the needs of both Berlin and No. 10 Downing St.

The ominous name of Sir Horace Wilson has again arisen in connection with Henderson's sensational newspaper stories. Sir Horace, if you recall your newspaper stories, was Chamberlain's behind-the-scenes man who worked out all the details of Munich, including the reported radio fears of the British Tory Premier and his play-acting eleventh-hour receipt of an appeal from Hitler for a tête-à-tête which led to the Munich monstrosity.

This implies that the

Change the World



'Man's Musing to A Mule' An Example of Homespun Literature

By MIKE GOLD

THE essay reproduced in this column today was sent in by a reader who wants to know the name of its author.

It has been reprinted often, and I myself have seen it on cards or in small town weeklies over the country. America, like any other country divided into two nations, has a rich anonymous literature of this sort, homely ballads, jokes and other folk-say that expresses the protest and class-wisdom of the submerged masses.

It is a literature which is not produced by professional writers. It seems to me that during the past fifty years our authors have somehow lost the common touch, however deeply democratic their political convictions. Mark Twain had it, however, and many of his anecdotes and stories have passed into the folk-consciousness. Peter Finley Dunne and Josh Billings had it. So has Curt Young.

But is there an American poet of any real quality today whose songs are sung by the people? Has the commercial monopoly held by Tim Pan Alley killed forever any hope that American poets will reach the masses? Or is it the fault of the poets themselves?

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'Freiheit' Mandolin Orchestra Reveals Versatility in Concert

By Stanley Hiller

At its Fifteenth Anniversary Concert in Town Hall Saturday the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra once again revealed its versatility in rendering both the works of the masters and the characteristic folk melodies of Eastern Europe.

Lucien Rutman, tenor, and Ray Marshall, soprano, sang several arias by Donizetti, Rossini and Verdi. The Suite in D Major by Zemachson was performed for the first time anywhere.

Under the capable leadership of Eugene Plotnikoff the orchestra gave an inspired rendering of Rossini's racy Semiramide Overture, and Haydn's "surprise Symphony." Composers and professional orchestrators would do well to hear the fresh effects obtainable from this neglected instrument. Mozart utilized a single mandolin in his immortal Don Giovanni, we recall, and the great Paganini was an adept guitarist.

The final group of Russian works the organization is in a class by itself. The plaintive tones of the mandolin and the broad, Slavic harmonies characterized by the leap of a fourth can enthrall listeners of every nationality.

Samuel Firstman arranged the Haydn opus for the orchestra, and Minna Hafer accompanied the vocalists at the piano.

New French Film at Fifth Avenue Playhouse

"Indiscritions," will have its American premiere at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse on Saturday (April 29). The film delves into the drolleries of a Parisian couple's marital difficulties.

"L'Alibi," a stirring Eric von Stroheim and Louis Jouvet, and featuring Jany Holt and Albert Prejean, now in the third week of its American premiere at the Fifth Avenue Playhouse, will close on Friday, April 28.

DOUBLE FEATURE

The Star Theatre, 163rd St. and Southern Blvd. is showing "Grand Illusion" and "A Christmas Carol" through Thursday.

Rockwell Kent Not Only Believes In Democracy—He Fights for It

Noted Artist Gives Credo In Interview

By Lou McLean

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Why did I as an artist become an active fighter for Democracy? For several reasons and all of them good, for one—I believe that it is high time that artists cease being gigolos of the rich and citizens of a nation as well as artists, citizens, by the way with particular qualifications for aiding the struggle for extending democracy, by graphically portraying the need for such a struggle and the methods by which to achieve it. For another—ever since I was a child who read Byron and Wordsworth and thrilled to their words on freedom I have actually believed that humans have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, not only do I believe it but I am doing what I can to make it a complete reality, as are more and more artists every day."

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On the Radio

MORNING	
9:00-WQXR—Composers Hour.	WNYC—Morning.
9:30-WOR—"We Make the News."	WEAF—"Events and Circumstances."
10:00-WNYC—Board of Education Program.	John Flynn, WOR—"Don't You Believe It?"
10:45-WNYC—News of the Week Board of Education Program.	Tom Wren—George Hamilton Coombs, News Commentator.
11:45-WNYC—Sports.	Ronald Sargent, Sports.
12:00-WHIN—U. P. News.	WNYC—Midday.
12:30-WOR—The Radio News.	WJZ—Symphony.
12:45-WOR—Consumers Quiz Club.	WNYC—Town Hall Club Luncheon.
1:15-WMCA—Bramwell Fletcher discusses the War in Europe.	WNYC—"The Truth Behind the Throne" (Continued).
1:30-WNYC—Weekly Meeting of City Council.	WABC—"Big Town." Starring Edward G. Robinson with Claire Trevor.
2:00-WMC—Stage Relief Fund.	"The Green Hornet." WIZ—Inside Stories.
2:30-WOR—Science Everywhere.	WEVD—Bryce Oliver, News Commentator.
3:15-WMC—"One of the All-Time Greats."	WOR—Marion Gould's Orchestra.
3:30-WMC—U. P. News.	WJZ—"Information Please."
3:45-WMC—American School of the Air.	Clifton Fadiman, John Kieran, Franklin Adams, Bruce and Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth.
3:50-WOR—Trans-Radio News.	WABC—Dick Powell's Tuesday Night Party.
3:55-WMC—Sports.	"The Truth Behind the News As I See It." Johannes Steele, News Commentator.
4:00-WMC—Band Concert.	WNYC—"Concert Review."
4:30-WOR—Little Red Schoolhouse.	WOR—Malvina Blair, Art.
5:00-WMC—Sports.	WABC—Music of the Moment.
5:15-WMC—Columbia Symphony Orchestra.	WQXR—Music.
5:30-WQXR—Concert Review.	WNYC—Sports.
5:45-WMC—Sports Interviews.	WOR—Man About Town.
6:00-WMC—Consumer Legislation.	WNYC—Sports Round Up with Books Carter.
EVENING	
6:00-WOR—Uncle Tom.	WABC—News and Sports.
6:15-WAF—Malcolm Clair, Stories for the Moment.	WQXR—Music of the Moment.
6:30-WAF—Vic and Sade.	WNYC—Sports.
6:45-WAF—Bob Hope.	WEAF—"Events and Circumstances."
7:00-WAF—Malvina Blair, Art.	WOR—Bene Rabinoff, Violinist with Symphony Orchestra.
7:15-WAF—Mr. District Attorney.	WJZ—"I Had the Chance."
7:30-WAF—Sports.	WNYC—Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.
7:45-WAF—Bill Stearn's Serp Book.	WQXR—Concert Hour.
7:55-WAF—Dick Powell.	WEAF—Samuel Jewish War Veterans Program.
8:00-WAF—Mr. District Attorney.	WNYC—Sports.
8:15-WAF—Stan Lomax, Sports Review.	WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports Review.
8:30-WAF—Easy Aces.	WQXR—Organ Service Hour.
8:45-WAF—Bill Stearn's Serp Book.	WNYC—Sports.
8:55-WAF—"Mr. District Attorney."	WEAF—Repetition of Masterwork Hour.
9:00-WAF—"Five-Star Vinal."	WNYC—Sports Round Up with Books Carter.



Rockwell Kent, noted American artist (in foreground). He was one of six who set up their easels near busy traffic intersections in New York and painted posters to aid the American Relief ship during the drive to aid Republican Spain.

create the most beautiful democracies over here and the Fascist nations are allowed to become masters of Europe in the end we would either have to fight or completely give in to them. The threat to South America is not an idle one, and if we have learned anything from Spain, it should be that action taken now for progress and the defense of progress, can save us irreparable harm. Therefore I am in complete sympathy with President Roosevelt's strong defense program and his policy of alignment with the democracies in the world to halt the threat of fascism.

In response to my question, Mr. Kent said:

"Artists should be in unions, they should ally themselves to labor of all kinds and become one with that great mass of working people in whose hands lie the hope for the future of the world."

(From the "People's World," San Francisco.)

Among the questions to be dealt with in the publication are those of the doctrines of fascism in relation to liberty of thought and conscience; the fascist threat to culture and science; the position of art and science under fascism. The doctrine of race and the question of whether it has any scientific and moral basis whatsoever; anti-Semitism, its dangers and effects and the methods of fascism will all be dealt with by contributors distinguished in their own spheres of academic and artistic activity.

This study, in addition to the general work of the Conference, will be of considerable value in the present struggle against cultural reaction.

Among those supporting the Conference are: Jacob Epstein, J. B. Priestley, John Gielgud, Gordon Harker, Beatrix Lehman, Storm Jameson, Professor H. Levy, Professor J. B. S. Haldane, Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell, Sean O'Casey, David Low, Dr. Joseph Needham, H. W. Nevinson, Dr. Maude Royden, Leon Feuchtwanger, Andre Malraux, Jean Richard Bloch, Louis Aragon, Ludwig Renn, Professor Paul Mantoux, Professor Paul Langevin, Professor Georges Seelie, Professor Henri Wallon, Professor George Bernhardt, Professor Van Den Berg, Professor H. J. P. Wells and Professor Hadamard.

The exhibition list includes oil paintings and prints. Mr. Jones is represented by seven prints. Miss Jones whose work has been compared in feeling and design to the paintings of Cezanne, is showing three oil paintings done in Paris while on a fellowship to the Academie Julian. Pierce, Porter and Wyley are exhibiting oil paintings and Wells is showing one painting and three prints.

The six artists included in this comparatively small exhibition are high in the list of American Negro artists and their work has been shown in some of the country's leading museums and galleries.

The exhibition was arranged by Miss Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the Harlem Community Art Center, and is sponsored by the WPA Federal Art Project. The center is one of four such centers conducted in greater New York by the Art Teaching Division of the project, which also runs classes in 130-odd other locations. Sixty-six community art centers have been established by the project throughout the nation.

'NEVSKY' HELD OVER
The Cameo is holding over "Alexander Nevsky" for a sixth week starting tomorrow. Directed by Sergei Eisenstein for the Mosfilm studios in Moscow, the picture stars Nikolai Cherkassov in the role of Nevsky, the Novgorod prince who freed medieval Russia of its German invaders. The accompanying symphonic score was composed especially for the film by Sergei Prokofiev.

SCREEN

'Heroes of the Marne' Another Film of the War

HEROES OF THE MARNE. A French film with English titles. Featuring Raimu. Directed by Hugo. Music by Ibert. At the Little Carnegie.

By David Platt

"Heroes of the Marne" is the story of the family LeFrancois, which like thousands of other French working-class and peasant families suffered and was almost destroyed during the last World War. Before the war, the family LeFrancois had 250 acres, three grown-up sons, a religious love of the land and a desire for peace. The war came as a terrible shock. They were celebrating the harvest. Someone started to sing the "Innkeeper's Cat" when the church-bells heralded a that "would ravage thousands of homes and stop only when there is nothing left to destroy." No one spoke for a long time.

The Francois' went to war. France, the land they loved, must be saved. The father (Raimu) lost his sight at Soissons. Jean, the oldest son, was killed a few moments after the armistice was signed, a symbol that the war did not end with the armistice. The other two sons survived hoping that all these dead and wounded had served a useful purpose and that the world would never again see such atrocities.

Superbly Acted by Raimu and Besserman

"Heroes of the Marne" is superbly inspired by Renoir's "Grand Illusion." It is superbly acted by Raimu and Albert Besserman but it tells us nothing new about the World War. It never once gets down to brass tacks. It is simply the old horror story and a prayer that it will never happen again. We see the refugees streaming out of bombed villages (1915, 1939); it does not matter; the earth literally being torn asunder by shell fire; babies being born in the midst of death and destruction; cattle cars and taxi cabs requisitioned for the front. Once again—the battle of the Marne, Amiens, Aisne, Chateaudriac, Chantilly, Rheims.

Of course, we are moved by the love of Raimu for France and peace, but the film is weak in that it fails to accuse those who were responsible for the last disaster and who have once again brought the world to the brink of an even greater holocaust. There is not a line to indicate what must be done to prevent France and world peace.

In other words, "Heroes of the Marne" is not the story of the World War brought up to date. What it is, it owes to Raimu's splendid characterization as the head of the LeFrancois family.

BOOKS

'Mexico Marches' Tells Story of People's Fight

MEXICO MARCHES, by J. H. Plenn. The Robt-Merrill Co. \$3.

Reviewed by Bruce Minton

Americans are apt to forget that directly to the south a brave nation has achieved a broad People's Front and by so doing has strengthened democracy throughout the Western Hemisphere. In Mexico Marches, J. H. Plenn, an experienced journalist, tells the story of Mexico's violent and often bitter struggle against foreign imperialism, its own monopolists and large landlords.

The government of President Lazaro Cardenas has overcome many obstacles in its attempt to put into practice the Constitution of 1917 and to fulfill the ambitious Six Year Program of 1934. The startling successes already attained result from the unity of the trade unions; from the close cooperation that has been achieved among the peasants, the labor movement, and the urban middle classes; from the energy and honesty of President Cardenas who has increasingly welcomed the support of the masses and accepted their guidance; and from the initiative provided by the Communist Party of Mexico. Against the essential unity of the Mexican people stand the reactionaries who, as in this country, fight with every weapon from terrorism to misrepresentation and demagogic to hating democracy and to defeat the will of the people.

In Mexico the fascists have organized powerfully. They are aided by "patriots" like Calles and the unaligned Cedillo, intent on overthrowing the government of the people by force if they only are granted the opportunity. Behind them lurks the jingo "Mexican for the Mexicans" groups, the anti-Semites, the agents of Berlin, Rome and Tokio, the great landlords, the ambitious industrialists, and the top hierarchy of a feudal church.

Unfortunately, while J. H. Plenn has written an admirable book, he succumbs at times to the lure of a "bright" and frolicking style which detracts from his story. Often his material is badly organized with resultant confusion for the reader. Much more should have been said of the criminally destructive and traitorous role of Trotsky and his clique who have proved invaluable allies of the fascists. A paucity of critical analysis limits the value of

**PERSONAL--BUT
NOT PRIVATE**

By DAVE FARRELL

**Time Out for the Story of a
Poor Boy Who Made the Grade**

It isn't often that I go in for further propagating the Horatio Alger legend, the rags to riches lines about the poor but honest boy who Got There by dint of a lot of this and that. But every now and again something happens to make me change my key and beat the drums lustily for the Poor Boy Who Made the Grade. Especially when it happens on the baseball diamond. So you will pardon me if this column is not a logical sequitur to the one which immediately preceded it. But I've got to tell this yarn or—

Let me give you a little background stuff first and then I'll bring my hero in, in the second reel. Last year the Los Angeles Angels were floundering around in seventh place. On paper the club didn't look so bad but there they were on the way to giving the door-mat Oakland bunch a tussle for the cellar. Somewhere in June the team won the pennant. Mayo wound up with a .330 batting average and was voted the most valuable player on the team.

The idea of coming out here didn't please Eddie and at first he refused to report. But when Dave Fleming, president of the Angels, made him a handsome offer, Mayo decided to come out. After all, he figured, a handsome offer from a double-A league was better than no offer from a major. So Eddie joined the club and was immediately shovelled in at second base, although he was a third baseman by trade. But Charlie English was doing so well at the hot corner that he couldn't be dislodged.

Eddie proved to be a "natural" at second. And he made that keystone combination into a joy to behold. In six weeks that club climbed from the bottom of the second division to the league leadership. And eventually the team won the pennant. Mayo wound up with a .330 batting average and was voted the most valuable player on the team.

This year when contracts were sent out, Mayo got a substantial raise. But he felt that this wasn't enough. He considered that he rated more. And so he was a hold-out. He was enough of a hold-out to refuse to report to training camp.

Eddie really meant it. He wasn't going to be bluffed by anybody. And he withstood all entreaties until a day or so before the season started. I don't know whether he got all the dough he yelled for, but I do know that Fleming is paying him close to, if not the top salary of any minor leaguer, who is not on option from a major league club. (If a player is signed by a major league team and is released on option, he takes the salary of the lower league. But if he is recalled at the end of the year he has to be given the difference between his minor league salary and his major by the parent club.)

But all the while that Eddie was holding out, Truck Hannah was "stuck" apparently with a 19-year-old kid named Louis Stringer who had done a couple of years with Ponca City in the Western Association. Yes, this is Our Hero. And let's go back a little ways with him.

Three years ago this boy, then 16, wasn't heavy or strong enough to make the Washington H. S. team of Los Angeles. He only tipped the beam at 118. But baseball was in his system and so he played on sand lots. A year later, he had put on about 15 lbs. and had gained a couple of inches in height. AND he needed a job, what with the way things were in the upholstery business. His dad wasn't working often enough. So Louis showed up at the Angels annual baseball school in the spring. He showed enough to the Truck to be given a chance with the Angel Class-C farm at Ponca City, where he set no worlds ablaze. But he was working, learning his trade—baseball. Last year he was even heavier and bigger and a lot better. Steady eating helps ball players too, they tell me. And his manager, Goldie Holt, told me that he thought the boy was close to ready.

So while Mr. Mayo was engaged in financial transactions with the club management Master Stringer was out there playing every day, in the main against major league competition. I saw him against the Cubs, Pirates and White Sox, and I felt pretty good about him. I realized that we had a good spare infielder should anybody be laid up for a spell. I knew all the time that Mayo would sign. In all my days the only guy I ever heard of who really held out was Mike Donlin. But they couldn't bluff Mike. He and his wife were out on a tour of the Orpheum Circuit, playing a vaudeville sketch.

As soon as Eddie signed, he was tossed right in. And found to be out of condition. In fact the Angels lost their first two games of the season! So Connell Truck Hannah jerked Eddie and stuck Louie in. Mayo was even left behind while the club went on a week's tour, to get in condition.

But as soon as Stringer got in the line-up he began to belt the ball. And the Angels began to win. And Louie's bat played a big part in it. And so it was recognized. But the Angels began to increase their winning streak. In fact they won every day. At this writing, they haven't been dropped a game, winning 18 in a row. And Stringer's bat has been prominent in every win. Now there is no manager in the world who is going to break up a winning combination, even for an Eddie Mayo. I don't think Miller Huggins would have done it for a Babe Ruth, no, matter what you tell me about the Babe's effect on the gate receipts.

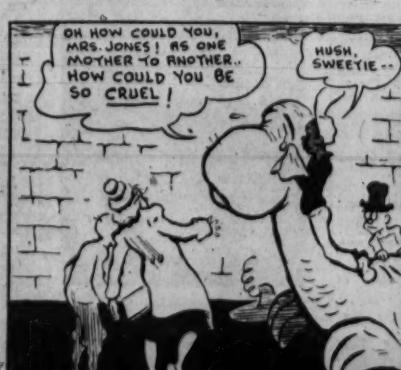
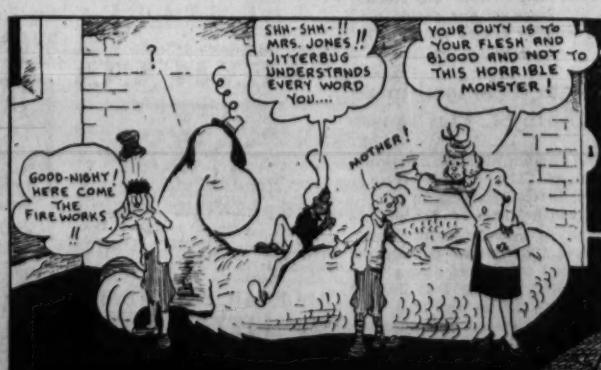
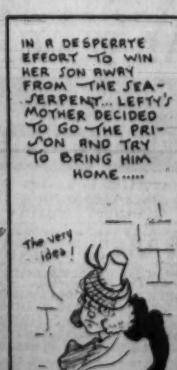
Stringer is the talk of the Coast League. Rip Collins, who has seen the best, ventures the prediction "that the kid will sell for over \$60,000. He is the most natural player I have ever watched break in."

Arnold Statz, who is now in his 21st year of playing ball for a living in organized ball, recognizes this boy as a baseball gem. He has been working with the kid, teaching him to hit to all fields. Rip Collins has been teaching him to play "with" the first baseman, how to cover first base when the first sacker has to come in on bunts. In all they are making a thing of beauty out of this extraordinary young kid.

But out here we have the peculiar situation where the most expensive player in the league warms the bench while the boy who was brought to training camp almost "just for the meal" is the talk of the minors. I pass this story on because it is heart warming to me to see Poor Boy Make Good in a Big Way.

LENVOI: Louie's original contract with the Angels has been torn up by Mr. Fleming and he has been given a ticket for very very good money for a boy of 19. Remember the name, Louie Stringer. I think it's one that will be conjured with.

LITTLE LEFTY

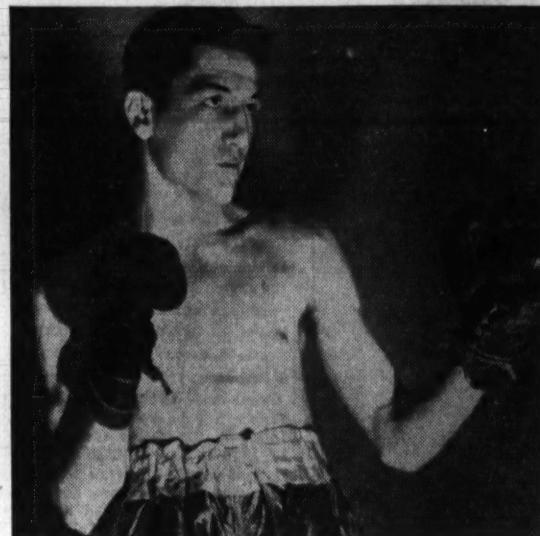


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SPORTS DAILY WORKERS SPURKS

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1939

IN ACTION TONIGHT



CHESTER RICO, young lightweight undefeated in eleven professional bouts to date, faces Larry Esposito on the Coliseum card tonight. An unusually skillful boxer for a youngster, Chester is rated very promising.

Nova Wants Louis After He 'Takes Care of Baer'

Californian Starts Training Here for June 1 Fite
—Warns Max on 'Rough Stuff'—Luftspring
at Coliseum Tomite

Lou Nova, the most promising young heavyweight on the fight front, began training yesterday to battle Max Baer, and he was emphatic that the June 1 match is a stepping stone to a September title shot at Joe Louis.

"Whoever started the report that I would not be ready for Louis next fall is nuts," Lou said. "After I beat Baer, the sooner I get Louis, the better I'll like it."

And Nova's manager, genial Ray Carlen, was in complete accord. "I guess some other managers must be trying to inject their heavyweights into the picture," he said, "but they can't do it. There's only one other contender, Tony Galento, and Louis will take care of him on June 28."

The "Alameda Adonis" took the occasion to warn Baer to fight clean or suffer the consequences, because "I'm tired of being a poltroon pugilist."

Nova explained that he had been informed reliably that Maxie intended to win "one way or another."

The handsome, 24-year-old Californian warned the ex-title-holder, that "at the first unethical move in the ring, I'll really give him the works, and I happen to know plenty of tricks myself. I used to be a football player, and I know how to use other things besides my fists."

He charged that Bob Pastor and Tommy Tomite had taken advantage of his good nature, "and nobody is going to get away with the things they did. Pastor butted me so badly when we met last April that my brows were cut for the first time."

"I fought as clean as a whistle in both those bouts, but things are going to be different if anyone tries to pull any underhanded tricks on me from here on out. If Baer gives me the backhand or the elbow, you're going to see plenty of fun out there in Yankee Stadium."

Nova is training harder for the Baer fight than any of his brief career. He sharpened up his boxing in Los Angeles, under Bob McCalister, a former well-known heavyweight. Then he went to Hot Springs, Ark., for conditioning. He will work out tomorrow and Thursday at the Pioneer Gymnasium here, then go to his training camp

SCORES

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Washington	600 112 246 1	18 16 8
Boston	181 281 621 0	9 17 1
Detroit	500 100 200 0	4 9 1
Baltimore	.....	500 100 200 0	4 9 1
St. Louis	.....	500 100 200 0	2 6 8
Detroit	.....	500 100 200 0	4 9 1
Johnson and Glenn; Bridges and Trebitsch	.....	500 100 200 0	4 9 1
Chicago	.....	626 281 281	9 18 1
Cleveland	.....	626 281 281	9 18 1
Lee and Silvestri; Humphries, Drake (2), Allen (2) and Pytlak	.....	500 100 200	3 8 3

How About 25 Cent Bleacher Seats for Real Fans, the Kids?

By SAM BLENDER

When only 15,000 attend the opening game at the Polo Grounds, and when but 25,000 show up for the opener at the Stadium it's safe to bet that something is wrong, and he's one of the reasons.

There has been a drop in the attendance of the kids. The kids are our real baseball fans and they cannot afford the price of admission.

As for their being the best fans, ask Babe Ruth or Joe DiMaggio or any of the other stars who ever patrolled the outfields. Sitting in their cheap, but not cheap enough bleacher seats, the youth of America constitute an integral part of our baseball.

They love our American game

these kids. And what is more important, they know it. Know all the finer points about the game.

Understand the need for certain plays at certain times. They just sit in their seats eating their hearts out when their team is behind.

Calling for plays that are most

often the correct ones to use. Theirs is a shrewdness that comes with complete understanding.

But there is an ever increasing number among the younger generation who find it impossible to raise the half dollar for a ticket. With this falling off in attendance the club owners are losing a lot in receipts. There is however a remedy at hand that will benefit both the young fans and the club owners.

REDUCE THE PRICE OF ADMISSION TO the kids. For young folks up to say 9, reduce the price to 25 cents. If this is done at least on week days, those more than half empty seats will once again be filled with rootin', tootin' fans.

In this respect baseball will not be the first to take care of its young patrons. In Hockey for example, special tickets are distributed among the grammar and high school students that admits them to the games at special reduce rates.

If Hockey can do it why not our National Pastime?

What's going on down there in Philadelphia?

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—The amazing Phillies won their third straight game here today, nosing out the New York Giants 6-5, a thriller which saw the Giants rally from 6-0 to score five in the eighth.

Walter Beck turned in another fine relief bit when he came in with two out and bases loaded and got Danning. In the ninth he set the Giants right down.

A home run by Morris Arnovich led the early attack, hitting Clyde Castleman for a home run in the fourth to score two, as Max Butcher held the Giants helpless. Four runs greeted relief pitcher Wittig in the seventh and they proved decisive as the Giants made their five in the eighth. With one out, Danning doubled, Ott singled, Bonura walked, Demaree doubled and Jurgens singled in succession for four. Henry came in and a wild pitch and error by him scored the fifth run. Then he loaded the sacks and Beck came in.

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PIRELLS are not quite as bad as the shaky start might indicate... they have yet to jell, but there's still potential first division stuff there... Joe McCarthy saw it, and Phil Manager Prothro, despite the fact that he saw them drop a few in the last innnings sees them as a first division club... and incidentally, a few cheers for Doc, who has his much maligned ball club hustling neatly... and the writers really are a LITTLE too harsh on a club like the Phils... pitchers Pascoe, Mulcahy and Butcher, infielder Martin don't deserve being dismissed in a blanket "Lousy"

What's going on down there in Philadelphia?

SURPRISE!
The Yanks Are
Leading in
The American
League

Rolfe's Homer Wins for Yanks 2-1, as Pearson Makes Great Debut; Dodgers, Giants Lose

Fette Wins Mound Dual with Van
Mungo, 4-1

The Brooklyn Dodgers should have won those ball games over in Philly, but yesterday at Ebbets Field there were no ifs about it as the Boston Bees set them down 4-1 to shove the unhappy Brooklynites into an early berth in the National League cellar.

Lou Fette spun a neat ball game, holding the Dodgers scoreless until the eighth and outpitching Van Lingle Mungo, big right-hander who made a pretty fair debut, holding the Bees to three runs and four hits in his eight-inning stint.

The Bees started early, socking over two in the second as Al Simmons and Cuccinello rapped long left-field doubles for one run to start it. After Fletcher was retired, Durocher's third error of the young season on Miller's grounder filled the sacks, and a perfect squeeze play with Lopez and Cuccinello beating the throw home scored the second tally.

In the Brooklyn eighth Hockett batted for Mungo and singled. Rosen lined another hit into center, sending Hockett to third, and it looked like a rally. But Lazzeri grounded to Warstler, Hockett scoring, hapless Gene Moore, still without his first hit of the year, popped out and Cuccinello was in front of Phelps' hot smash.

Tony Cuccinello greeted old teammate Hutchinson with a home run in the ninth that put the game well beyond the Dodgers' reach, as Fette set them down easily in the last frame.

BRIEFS: Mungo looked fairly fast and his curves were sharp... He should win his share of games yet, and if he ever regains his full speed with the knowledge he's picked up... The Bees present a distinctly ex-Dodger flavor with Manager Stengel on the coaching lines, Hassett in right field, Cooney in center, Cuccinello at second and Lopez behind the bat... Al Simmons was hit by a glancing blow on the back of the head and had to leave the game... nothing serious... Luke Hamlin vs. Lanning today and the boys are getting victory hungry... Look for a win today.

GAMES TODAY

Boston	at	Brooklyn
New York	at	Philadelphia
Pittsburgh	at	Chicago
Cincinnati	at	St. Louis

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	4	1	.300
Detroit	4	2	.667
Cleveland	2	2	.500
Philadelphia	3	3	.400
New York	3	3	.500
St. Louis	2	2	.500
BROOKLYN	1	4	.200
Pittsburgh	1	4	.200

GAMES TODAY

Philadelphia	at	Washington
Chicago	at	Cleveland
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St. Louis	at	Detroit

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	3	1	.750
Cincinnati	3	1	.667
Boston	4	2	.667
Philadelphia	3	2	.667
New York	3	3	.500
St. Louis	2	2	.500
BROOKLYN	1	4	.200
Pittsburgh	1	4	.200

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